Appl. No. 10/773,445

In the Abstract

Please amend the abstract as follows:

[[The]] A process according to the invention for controlling an electronic power component contains a process for piloting [[the]] <u>an</u> opening and/or closure of this component. piloting process comprises includes a plurality of steps for controlling the application of a succession of different commutation voltages on a control electrode of [[said]] the electronic power component between [[the]] an instant when the piloting process begins and [[the]] an instant when either the opening and/or or the closure of the electronic power component is to stop. Passage from one commutation voltage to a successive commutation voltage in this piloting process is automatically <u>effected</u> as soon as a corresponding condition of passage is <u>satisfied</u>. The process comprises the <u>further includes a</u> step consisting in of interrupting [[said]] the piloting process and [[in]] immediately triggering off a process for safeguarding the integrity of the electronic power component if the component does not react to a commutation voltage [[in]] within a predetermined imparted time for the commutation voltage.